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CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY # 5-11

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TO: All Inspection Staff

FROM: Steve Zaccard, Fire Marshal

RE: Security Chains/Night Latches in Residential Occupancies

CODE REFERENCE: Minnesota State Fire Code 1003.3.1.8(4)

THIS POLICY IS TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR YOUR ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR.

Exit doors from individual dwelling units; Group R-3 congregate residences; and guest rooms of Group R Occupancies having an occupant load of 10 or less may be provided with a night latch, dead bolt or security chain provided the following conditions are met:

- A. Must be operable without the use of a key.
- B. Must be mounted at a height not to exceed 48" above the floor.
(Exception: **Existing** locks mounted 49" to 60" above the floor shall not be ordered removed without prior review by your supervisor).
- C. Must not be more than two locks on any door including the passage lock.

This policy does not apply to single family dwellings, duplexes, and townhomes.

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